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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lawrence B Williams

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a.) Examiner suggests applicant rewrite lines 3-5 of page 2 for clarification purposes.
 - b.) Examiner suggests applicant rewrite lines 21-25 of page 7 for clarification purposes.
 - c.) Examiner suggests applicant rewrite lines 5-10 and 21-27 of page 8 for clarification purposes.
 - d.) Examiner suggests applicant rewrite lines 3-6 of page 9 for clarification purposes.
 - e.) Examiner suggests applicant rewrite lines 18-25 of page 10 for clarification purposes.
 - f.) Examiner suggests applicant replace the word "cane" to can in line 12 of page 20.
 - g.) On page 10, line 10, applicant lists an equation $2\delta + \alpha$. Examiner suggests applicant define each variable in the aforementioned equation.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1-3, 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 1 claims; "stopping said timing... for a specified period of time before and after a frame pulse ... which indicates a head of frame... containing said received data... hunting state..." However, pages 17-30, "First Embodiment" in the specification and Fig. 5, describe that a frame-enable signal is enabled only for the predetermined time period before and after the frame pulse and the timing is supplied only for the enabled-timed. Therefore the description in the claims contradicts with the description in the specification.

5. Claims 4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 4 claims; "said received data fixed for a specified period of time before and after a frame pulse ... which indicates a head of frame of containing said received data..." during the hunting state. However, pages 40- 43, "Fourth Embodiment", describes that the reception data is fixed when the reception frame enable is in a disable state in the condition of hunting, which means that the reception

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data is fixed outside of the time frame of the frame pulse in the hunting state. Therefore the description of claims 4 and 12 contradict with this description of this embodiment.

6. Claims 6-11, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 6 claims; “ a circuit connected to a front stage only for a specified period of time before and after a frame pulse ... in aid hunting state.” However, pages 45-48, “Sixth Embodiment” describe the sync circuit in the front stage is stopped only in the case when the frame enable signal is a disenable state during the hunting state, or that the circuit in the front stage is stopped outside the time frame before and after the frame pulse during the hunting state. Therefore the description in independent claims 6, 8, 9 and 16 contradict with this description of this embodiment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 5 recites the limitation “said front stage” in line 9 of the claim. It is unclear as to applicant is referencing since there is a lack of antecedent basis for the limitation “said front stage” to in the claim.

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9. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "for stopping an operation of a circuit connected to a front stage only". It is unclear as to what circuit applicant is making reference to in the claim.

10. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "at least, a part of said frame synchronization detecting circuit." It is unclear as to what part of the circuit applicant is making reference to in the claim.

11. Claim 13 recites the limitation "said frame pulse in " in line 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

12. In this application, the descriptions of the claims are extremely unclear as explained above. Accordingly, the claims 1-16 have not been further treated on the merits.

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence B Williams whose telephone number is 703-305-6969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 703-305-4714. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Lawrence B. Williams

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June 9, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Chin', is written over a horizontal line.

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